

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 2. This sheet, which includes Fig. 2, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

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Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his time and consideration during the interview with the Applicants' attorney of record on December 7, 2005.

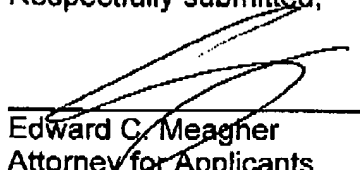
As per the conversation with the Examiner, Applicants have included a new replacement drawing which shows the fluid passages in the plug and energy source for supplying suction / irrigation from the energy source to the mechanical interface of the plug.

In addition, Applicants have also amended the specification to include reference numbers for the fluid passages as per the Examiner's suggestion. It is respectfully submitted that the addition of these reference numbers and elements on the drawings and in the specification do not constitute new matter since these elements were adequately described in the originally submitted specification.

In view of the foregoing, it is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the application as presented, namely, Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art references and the other prior art references of record. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone or personal interview may facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, he is respectfully requested to contact

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